

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1 1. (currently amended) An information management system, comprising:  
2 a data repository storing related hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data tied to a  
3 key parameter field; and  
4 at least one application server providing a plurality of different applications to a  
5 plurality of users, the at least one application server operatively coupled to the data  
6 repository, at least one of the plurality of different applications generating at least some  
7 related hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having the key parameter field, wherein the  
8 data repository can be updated with the related hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data  
9 generated by each of the plurality of different applications having the key parameter field,  
10 the at least one application server being operatively connected to the data repository to  
11 serve the related hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data from the data repository when  
12 ones of the plurality of different applications use and generate the related hydrocarbon-  
13 producing portfolio data having the key parameter field, the management system further  
14 allowing multiple users using different programs for different tasks to update each other  
15 in a near real time environment.

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1 2. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the data repository  
2 can store all hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data generated by each of the plurality of  
3 different applications.

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1 3. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the data repository  
2 comprises a plurality of databases to store hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data from a  
3 respective one of the plurality of different applications.

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1 4. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the plurality of  
2 different applications comprises at least two selected from the group consisting of a  
3 geoscience application, a petroleum land management application, a drilling engineering  
4 application, a finance application, a reservoir engineering application, a sales and  
5 marketing application, and a field operations application.

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1 5. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the plurality of different  
2 applications comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a database  
3 management application, a portfolio management application, and a portfolio forecast  
4 application.

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1 6. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 5, wherein the database  
2 management application comprises a front-end user interface operatively coupled to the  
3 data repository and generating at least some hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having  
4 the key parameter field when ones of the plurality of users enter hydrocarbon-producing  
5 portfolio data into the front-end user interface.

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1 7. (Original) The system as defined in claim 6, wherein the front-end user interface  
2 comprises a plurality of different application modules each directed to specific ones of

3 the plurality of users.

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1 8. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 5, wherein the portfolio  
2 management application comprises a resources optimization program to use the related  
3 hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data retrieved from the data repository to generate an  
4 optimized allocation of resources based on at least one selected criterion.

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1 9. (Original) The system as defined in claim 8, wherein the selected criterion comprises at  
2 least one selected from the group consisting of developing most profitable assets first,  
3 achieving a selected net cash flow, achieving a selected earnings, achieving a selected  
4 level of production, satisfying obligations on time, and developing assets to achieve the  
5 greatest net cash flow in a selected amount of time for a selected amount of capital.

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1 10. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 8, wherein at least one  
2 application server automatically updates selected ones of the related hydrocarbon-  
3 producing portfolio data when the resource optimization program generates optimized  
4 allocation of resources data.

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1 11. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 5, wherein the portfolio  
2 forecast application forecasts future performance of assets based on the related  
3 hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data.

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1 12. (Previously Presented) The system as defined in claim 1, further comprising a

2 notification system to automatically notify at least one user when related hydrocarbon-  
3 producing portfolio data relevant to the at least one user has been updated in the data  
4 repository.

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1 13. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the plurality of users comprise  
2 members of an asset development team having different functions related to the  
3 development and management of assets in the portfolio, each member responsible for  
4 providing particular related data corresponding thereto.

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1 14. (Original) The system as defined in claim 13, wherein the members of the asset  
2 development team comprise at least two selected from a geoscientist, a landman, a  
3 reservoir engineer, a regulatory compliance administrator, a drilling engineer, a finance  
4 analyst, a field operator, a sales and marketing representative, and a portfolio manager.

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1 15. (currently amended) A management system for a hydrocarbon-producing portfolio,  
2 comprising:

3 at least one server providing a plurality of applications to respective users, at least  
4 one of the applications generating hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data corresponding to  
5 the respective user, at least some of the hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data generated  
6 by at least one of the applications having a key parameter field therein;

7 a database management system operatively coupled to the at least one server and  
8 storing at least some of the hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data generated by at least  
9 one of the plurality of applications and update any of the stored hydrocarbon-producing

10 portfolio data having the key parameter field when ones of the plurality of applications  
11 modify any of the stored hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having the key parameter  
12 field; the at least one server to serve the updated hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data to  
13 any other ones of the plurality of applications when the other ones of the plurality of  
14 applications retrieves the updated hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having the key  
15 parameter field, the management system further allowing multiple users using different  
16 programs for different tasks to update each other in a near real time environment; and  
17 at least one business process model application to apply a business process model  
18 to selected ones of the stored hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data to generate modeled  
19 hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having the key parameter field, the at least one  
20 business process model application to automatically update the modeled hydrocarbon-  
21 producing portfolio data when any ones of the selected ones of the stored hydrocarbon-  
22 producing portfolio data are updated by operation of any of the other applications.

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1 16. (Original) The system according to claim 15, wherein the business process model  
2 comprises creating an optimized drilling schedule.

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1 17. (Original) The system according to claim 15, wherein the business process model  
2 comprises forecasting hydrocarbon production for a selected drilling schedule.

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1 18. (Original) The system according to claim 15, wherein the respective users comprises  
2 at least two selected from geoscientists, landmen, reservoir engineers, regulatory  
3 compliance administrators, drilling engineers, finance analysts, field operators, sales and

4 marketing representatives, and portfolio managers.

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1 19. (Original) The system according to claim 15, wherein the plurality of applications  
2 comprises a part of the database management system.

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1 20. (Original) The system according to claim 19, wherein the plurality of applications  
2 comprises application modules embedded in the database management system.

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1 21. (currently amended) A method for managing information, comprising:  
2 serving a plurality of applications to respective users, each of the plurality of  
3 applications generating hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data corresponding thereto, at  
4 least some of the hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data generated having a key parameter  
5 field therein;

6 storing the hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data generated by at least one of the  
7 applications;

8 updating any of the hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having the key  
9 parameter field when ones of the plurality of applications is used to modify any of the  
10 stored hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having the key parameter field;

11 allowing multiple users using different programs for different tasks to update  
12 each other in a near real time environment. and

13 serving the updated hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data to any other ones of the  
14 plurality applications when said other ones of the plurality of applications retrieves from  
15 storage the hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data having the key parameter field.

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1 22. (Original) The method as defined in claim 21, wherein the plurality of applications  
2 comprises a plurality of separate applications each directed to at least one of the  
3 respective users.

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1 23. (Original) The method as defined in claim 21, wherein the serving the plurality of  
2 applications comprises serving a parent application comprising a plurality of application  
3 modules, each of the application modules directed to at least one of the respective users.

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1 24. (Original) The method as defined in claim 21, wherein the plurality of applications  
2 comprises at least one selected from a geoscience application, a petroleum land  
3 management application, a drilling engineering application, a finance application, and a  
4 reservoir engineering application, a production forecast application, and a portfolio  
5 optimization application.

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1 25. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in claim 21, further comprising:  
2 applying at least one business process model to selected ones of the stored  
3 hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data to generate modeled hydrocarbon-producing  
4 portfolio data; and  
5 automatically updating the modeled hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data when  
6 selected ones of the stored hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data are updated by  
7 operation of any one of the served applications.

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1 26. (Original) The system according to claim 25, wherein applying the business process  
2 model comprises creating an optimized drilling schedule based on a selected criterion.

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1 27. (Original) The system according to claim 25, wherein applying the business process  
2 model comprises forecasting hydrocarbon production for a selected drilling schedule.

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1 28. (Previously Presented) A method for managing a hydrocarbon-producing portfolio,  
2 comprising:

3       having a plurality of asset team members each using an application related to the  
4 function of the respective asset team member to generate hydrocarbon-producing  
5 portfolio data relevant thereto; the asset team members comprising at least two selected  
6 from a geoscientist, a landman, a reservoir engineer, a regulatory compliance  
7 administrator, a right-of-way administrator, a drilling engineer, a completion engineer, a  
8 finance analyst, a field operator, a sales and marketing representative, and a portfolio  
9 manager; and

10       automatically updating corresponding hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data used  
11 by any other one of the applications based on the hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data  
12 generated by using at least one of the applications.

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1 29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the applications comprise at least two  
2 selected from a seismic interpretation application, a production forecasting application, a  
3 petroleum land management application, a regulatory compliance application, a drilling  
4 engineering application, and a portfolio optimization application.



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1 30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising:

2       applying at least one business process model to select ones of the corresponding  
3 hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data to generate modeled hydrocarbon-producing  
4 portfolio data.

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1 31. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the applying at least one  
2 business process model comprises determining an optimized drilling schedule.

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1 32. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein the optimized drilling schedule  
2 is determined based on at least one selected from product price forecasts and production  
3 predictions.

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1 33. (Original) The method according to claim 32, wherein the optimized drilling schedule  
2 is determined based on a selected criterion comprising at least one selected from  
3 developing most profitable assets first, achieving a selected net cash flow, achieving a  
4 selected earnings, achieving a selected level of production, satisfying obligations on time,  
5 and developing assets to achieve the greatest net cash flow in a selected amount of time  
6 for a selected amount of capital.

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1 34. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the applying at least one  
2 business process model comprises forecasting hydrocarbon production.

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1 35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the applying at  
2 least one business process model comprises automatically populating regulatory forms  
3 based on corresponding hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data.

1 36. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the applying at least one  
2 business process model comprises determining drilling costs associated with at least one  
3 prospectively drilled well.

1 37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the hydrocarbon-  
2 producing portfolio comprises existing and prospective well locations, petroleum land  
3 management information related to the existing and an prospective well locations, and  
4 estimated hydrocarbon reserves in reservoirs penetrated by the existing and prospective  
5 wells.

1 38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, further comprising  
2 notifying at least one of the asset team members that corresponding hydrocarbon-  
3 producing portfolio data used by the one of the applications used by the at least one asset  
4 team member have been updated by operation of the other one of the applications used by  
5 at least one other asset team member.

1 39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, further comprising limiting  
2 any one of the asset team members from updating selected ones of the corresponding  
3 hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data outside of the function of the any one of the asset

4 team members.

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1 40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, further comprising

2 restricting selected ones of the asset team members from updating selected corresponding

3 hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data prior to other selected ones of the asset team

4 members generating other selected corresponding hydrocarbon-producing portfolio data.

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